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Dear Sir/Madam,

This is to Deny your refund request in the amount of \$108.00, for serial number 10/086,206.

A review of the application records reveals that there are 7 independent claims (claims 28, 29, 30, 37, 42, 55 & 55) presented in the application instead of 5 as stated by applicant.

The fee for 4 independent claims in excess of 3 is \$336.00.

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Sincerely,

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